## MR. WADAMS'S DEATH The Stroke of Apoplexy Suffered Satur day Afternoon Results Patally.

SKETCH OF HIS ACTIVE LIFE.

Native of Florida, But a Resident of Richmond from Boyhood, and Long a Prominent Figure in Busi-

ut 6 o'clock, while in the neigh e, No. 914 west Franklin street rning. His sudden death was great shock to all his friends, and deed, to the entire community, for he as seen upon the streets Saturday. ngly enjoying perfect health.

When stricken Mr. McAdams was near college-grounds, and, with Mr. Blair egram, was viewing the parade of the uds. He was taken to a mitory in the college, where Dr. Upur, who was in the neighborho ortly reached his side, and, realizing ness of his condition, at opco had him removed to Mr. McAdams's



MR. GEORGE B. M'ADAMS. ce. Drs. McCaw and Isaiah White mmediately summoned, and it was ascertained that there was a blood-clot upon the brain, and the physicians stated to the family that he could not possibly

SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Mr. George B. McAdams was born near Pensacola, Fla., in September, 1850. He came in company with his sister to this city when he was about 10 years of age, being brought by Judge Maxwell. He and his sister were brought up in the care of the family of Mr. Thomas Brockenbrough, where they were looked upon by the latter almost in the light of his own children.

xtent of which he was capable. The sol-lers knew and loved the bright young op whose face was seen so often in heir midst, and young McAdams was B

their midst, and young McAdams was a favorite in camp.

Mr. McAdams was educated at Rich mond College, and it is a rather remarkable coincidence that he should have been stricken down in the vigor of his manhood within a few feet of the campus upon which as a youth he and his comrades whiled away many an hour in the enjoyment of exhiltrating exercise. While at college he formed the friendship of Professor Edward B. Smith, which lasted as long as the latter lived. When the Pledmont-Arlington Company edmont-Arlington Company was or-anized Mr. McAdams, who was then bout 19 fears of age, was appointed to position under Professor Smith, ther a officer of the company.

IN THE CLOTHING BUSINESS. About seventeen years ago Mr. Mc Adams went into the clothing business with Mr. Oscar H. Berry, and this firm Mr. McAdams since then has been in-terested in several business projects, but his mind had not been actively engaged, and it is thought that this, in some mea-sure, was the cause of the mental con-dition which brought on the fatal stroke

Shortly after going into the clothing tusiness Mr. McAdams married Miss Saille Reed Branch, a daughter of the late Colonel James R. Branch, who, with two children—Thomas B. and Louis Brockenbrough McAdams—survives him.

As a business—man Mr. McAdams enjoyed the esteem of all with whom he tame in contact. His principles were of the highest standard, and his integrity unimpeachable. He was popular in sotiety, a devoted husband and father, and a man of genial nature and generous imtlety, a devoted husband and father, and a man of genial nature and generous impulses. Mr. McAdams was a 32-degree Mason, a member of the Scottish-Rite Association, and the Royal Arcanum. He was also prominent in the Order of the Golden Chain, the Legion of Honor, the Order of Chosen Friends, the Progressive Endowment Guild, and the Knights of Honor.

THE FUNERAL TO-DAY.

The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from St. Paul's church, of which deceased had been a member for nany years. Rev. Dr. Hartley Carmichael will officiate at the service. The nterment will be made in Hollywood. He will be buried next to the grave of Professor Smith, for whom he had a life-one friendship.

ong friendship.
At the request of the family there will be no Masonic services. The pailbearers will be as follows:
Active—Thomas H. Bransford, Blair B. Pegram, Muscoe H. Garnett, Dr. Edward C. Smith, Oscar H. Berry, — Norman, Dr. T. W. McCaw, Dr. C. W. P. Brock, Judge James C. Lamb, S. S. P. Patteson. Honorary—George C. Jefferson, Fred. Pleasants, C. P. Stokes, W. G. Stokes, Parker T. Conrad, Thomas Adkins, John D. Lottler, Louis P. Ecker, George L. Street, Charles Davenport, Fred. W. Scott, John D. Potts, and John Pickerell.

Funeral of Mr. A. L. Shepherd.

This afternoon at 8 o'clock the funeral of Mr. Albin Luther Shepherd will take place from the Grace-Street Baptist church. The obsequies will be conducted by Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher. The announcement in Sunday morning's Dispatch of the sudden death of this well-known gentleman caused profound sorrow throughout the community. He was ap-

deaton of Grace-Street Baptist church. He was president of the A. L. Shepherd Lumber Company, and a director in the Union Bank, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. His remains will be interred in Hollywood, the following gentiemen acting as pall-bearers:

Active-E. M. Foster, E. W. Gates, W. R. Jones, B. F. Cosby, J. Frank Jacobs, John T. Goddin, W. R. Thomas, and T. J. Todd, deacons of the church.

Honorary-N. D. Hargrove, A. L. Boulware, W. Minor Woodward, F. Sitterding, T. E. Stage, James L. Robertson, Captain John Lamb, T. P. Campbell, George A. Smith, John H. Worsbare, John A. Curtis, and J. J. Montague.

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Mr. F. Kahl Dead.

Mr. Frank Kahl, one of Richmond's oldest draughtsmen, died at his home, No. 427 north Sixth street, Sunday afternoon. He was 71 years of age. Mr. Kahl was born April 24, 1825, and was a native of Reichenberg, Bohemia.

At the age of 25 he came to Richmond and started business as a draughtsman, for a long time being the firm of Kahl & Rahn. During the war he was employed in the manufacture of bombs, and at its close became connected with the Chesapeake and Ohlo rallway shops as draughtsman. About four years ago he was stricken with paralysis, and since that time he has been unable to work. Four weeks ago a change set in for the worse, and he gradually grew weaker until his death.

His wife, who survives him, was Miss Catharia, Levis, Daniel and wing a catharia. Levis, Levis, Catharia, Cathar

till his death.

His wife, who survives him, was Miss Catherine Lewis Daingerfield, of Fredericksburg. Mr. Kahl Jeaves three daughters and one son—Mrs. W. B. Dunford, Mrs. John Krouse, Miss Susie, and Robert E. L. Kahl.

The funeral will take place this evening at 3 o'clock from Grace-Street Presbyterian church, of which he was a member. Deceased was also a member of Friendship Lodge L. O. G. T. Rev. Dr. Fair

rian church, of which he was a member, Deceased was also a member of Friendship Lodge, I. O. G. T. Rev. Dr. Fair will officiate, and the following gentlemen will act as pall-bearers: Messrs. John Pitt, J. Van Vort, N. Allen, George Pitt, L. Lynch, A. Krouse, S. Jenning, and E. A. Parsiey.

Interment at Hollywood.

Dr. L. L. Sasser, of Smithfield, N. C., died quite suddenly at the Virginia Hospital on Sunday night. He had only been in the city a short while, when he was selzed with paralysis of the heart. Dr. Sasser was in the city on business, and was stopping at the Lexington, when he was stricken down on Saturday morning He was removed to the Virginia Hospital, and all possible medical aid was rendered him, but to no avail. Dr. Sasser was 36 years of age, and

Dr. Sasser was 36 years of age, and was a graduate in medicine of the University of Virginia, and also of a New York school of medicine. He was an ardent student and enthusiastic practitioner, and had achieved a high place in his profession. Dr. Sasser leaves a wife and several children. He had friends wherever he went, and his loss will he agree to these whethers. will be a sore one to those who knew him. The body was taken to Smithfield, N. C., for interment.

Death of Mrs. Lathron.

Mrs. S. P. Lathrop died at 7:40 o'clock yesterday morning at her residence, No. 114 east Franklin street. Her husband, one of the most prominent citizens of Richmond, died at an advanced age only a few months ago. She leaves five chil-dren-Messrs. George A. and Charles P. Lathrop, and Mrs. J. Blythe Moore, Mrs. Thomas H. Bransford, of Roaneks, and Mrs. James T. Patterson. Mrs. Lathrop was one of the most active and promi-nent members of the St. James church, and was widely connected in this city and was widely connected in this city and elsewhere. She has long been noted for her deeds of charity, and she will be greatly missed by the poor of this com-

Other Deaths and Funerals.

The funeral of Mr. Francis Mællory Cary took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from All-Saints church, Rev. Mr. Downman, the rector, conducting the sad obsequies. The following gentlemen acted as pall-bearers: Messrs. Carlton McCarthy, Branch Archer, Corrie Sutton, Charles Anderson, Allen Apperson, Portieux Robinson, Albert H. Robins, and J. Booton Hill.
Mr. Valentine Schwartz, of Mill street.

Mr. Valentine Schwartz, of Mill street, died Sunday; aged 63 years. The deceased was a painter by occupation, and had resided in this city for forty years. The funeral of Mrs. D. Wiley Anderson took place from Park-Place Method church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

HEBREW HOME FOR THE AGED.

Officers Re-Elected and the Reports of an Encouraging Nature.

mond, was held at the Synagogue Beth Ahaba Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Henry S. Hutzler was in the chair

Mr. Henry S. Hutzler was in the chair, and Mr. Isaac Held, the secretary and treasurer, recorded. Mr. Hutzler was reelected prisident, as were Messrs. P. Whitlock, vice-president, and Isaac Held, secretary and treasurer. The following Board of Directors was chosen: Rev. E. N. Callsch, Messrs. Moses Milhiser, Emanuel Raab, William Lovenstein, Albert Greentree, Jacob Lewitt, Moses Thalhimer, S. Binswanger, and Julius Straus. Mr. S. L. Bloomberg was elected solicitor; Dr. H. H. Levy was elected physician, and Dr. Mark W. Peyser, assistant physician.

President Hutzler's report showed the affairs of the association to be progressing in a satisfactory manner. It also showed in the way of donations and bequests that the association had been remembered by friends during the past year. Three beneficiaries are now cared for, and the prospects for building a permanent home are steadily improv-

ing.

The report of Treasurer Held showed the funds to be \$11,829.02, an increase of \$839.12 over last year, after paying for the care of beneficiaries and all other expenses. The present membership numbers 316. Several members were enrolled, among them Mr. D. Lichtenstein, who became a life-member.

To Be Entertained by Firemen To Be Entertained by Firemen.

The members of Truck No. 3, of the Richmond Fire Department, will entertain their friends, embracing some of the city officials and the members of the Board of 'Fire Commissioners, at Hulcher's parlors, No. 2% east Broad atreet, next Thursday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. The affair is being tendered to mark the installation of the handsome new hook-and-ladder truck recently purchased by the board, a full description of which was printed in the Dispatch some time ago. The Committee of Arrangements for the entertainment consists of Meesrs W. W. Haley, L. A. Umlauf, and J. W. Attkinson, while those on the Reception Committee are to be Messrs, J. A. Umlauf, B. J. Gill, John Sack, A. B. Hubbard, and Edward Mc-Sack, A. B. Hubbard, and Edward Mc-Cormick. The officers of Truck No. 3 are Messrs. A. V. Shelton, foreman; A. J. Hundley, assistant; C. A. Rawson, secretary; G. R. Shrewbridge, tillerman, and J. W. Wiemer, driver.

Mr. Baker and "Powhatan."

Mr. William A. Baker, of Chicago, has
just arrived in the city, for the purpose
of organizing the local musical talent
for the production of his new light opera,
"Powhatan," which will be given at the
Academy of Music Easter Monday and
Tuesday for the benefit of the Sheltering
Arms Hospital. Mr. Baker has just closed
a very successful engagement at Omaha,
where his piece was received with pronounced public approbation. The rehearsais for "Powhatan" will begin next
week.

MUST BE IDENTIFIED. A Remarkable Joke Played Upon Two Washington Shriners.

ENTERTAINED AT THE JEFFERSON

Them to the Hotel-Capt. Cunningham's Committee Does the Rest.

Mr. Harrison Dingman, potentate of Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Washington, D. C., and Dr. White, a member of the same body, and also a member of De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, of the national capital, were passengers upon the incoming train from the North Saturday evening, and they were the victims of one of the best practical jokes ever perpetrated within the confines of the capital of the Old Dominion.

It is a weil-established fact that Richmond has one of the finest police forces in the country. A great many of her officers are Masons. Chief-of-Police Howard has crossed the burning sands, turned hand-springs in the Kadosh, and per formed many of the highest feats in that high fraternity. Sergeant Jones Otey is ilso a Mason of a high temperature, and Captain Frank W. Cunningham is potentate of Acca Temple, of this city. Learning that the distinguished brethren from ing that the distinguished brethren from the nation's capital were coming down to the quiet city on the banks of the placid James, some of the Richmond Arabs thought it would be a capital idea to have the visitors arrested as they alighted from their train. Chief Howard was let into the scheme, and he thought it a pretty good one.

TO STOP AT THE JEFFERSON. It was ascertained that the Washingtonians had engaged rooms at the Jefferson, and it was arranged that the Chief
should take one of his most trusted officers, who was also a Mason, and, armed
with warrants, meet the visitors, and,
arresting them, take them to the Jefferson for identification. At the hotel Captain Cunningham and a committee of
prominent Shriners was to be ready to
receive the guests, go through the necessary process of identification, and then sary process of identification, and then the altogether delightful process of enter-taining the captives. The train from the North was on time,

and Major Howard and Sergeant Otey, equipped with warrants for two "crimi-nals," stepped up to meet Mr. Dingman and Dr. White.

"We want you gentlemen," said the ajor, connecously but firmly, "What do you want with us?" asked "What do you want with us?" asked one of the strangers, in amazement.

The Chief of Police, glancing down to see if any of his Masonic jewelry was showing, produced his warrants, read them, and stated that the men answered the description he had been furnished of the persons he was looking for. The visitors remonstrated with the officers, assuring them that they were honest gentlemen who had come to the city on business. They gave their names, and stated that they had engaged rooms at the Jefferson. This was exactly what the good-natured Chief was anxious for the strangers to say, and he quickly replied: "Oh, well; if your names are what you say they are, you can be identified at your hotel, so we will take you right up to the Jefferson."

THE IDENTIFICATION. THE IDENTIFICATION.

The visitors still complained of the "outrage" that was being perpetrated upon them, but it was no use to "kick." They were in the hands of two of the bravest "blue-coats" who ever crossed red-hot cobble-stones, much less burning sands. Upon reaching the Jefferson the visitors were almost exasperated. They were going to report their treatment to higher authorities just as soon as ophigher authorities just as soon as op-portunity presented likelf, but they had not more than gotten within the grand lobby of that beautiful hostelry, when they espled Captain Cunningham and the other Richmond Shriners. The visitors Major Howard and Sergeant Otey. There was a good laugh, at the expense of the Washingtonians, and the visitors were amply repaid for their seemingly unkind treatment upon their arrival. They were

REVIVAL AT GRACE-STREET.

cordially and hospitably entertained while

here, and went away vowing that they would just like to catch a Richmond Shriner in Washington again.

Immense Congregations Attending and Many Conversions Reported. Sunday was a memorable day at the gation was simply immense. At night the house was jammed at every point, hundreds standing in the outer aisles and

the vestibules, and a great many turned away.

The church seems to be on fire with religious enthusiasm, and the people are working with great power and zeal. Dr. Broughton is exceedingly attractive, and preaches in a style so terse, dashing, and courageous the people are obliged to listen. He preached three times on Sunday, and it is estimated that there were at least fifty confessions of Christ, among them a large number of young men and women.

Monday night is usually considered an off night in revival meetings, but it did not prove so this time. There was a great crowd last night, and the services great crowd last night, and the services were deeply impressive, the singing being very delightful, especially the solos by Mr. Haddon S. Watkins. There were fourteen professions of faith last night. Dr. Broughton will preach this afternoon at 4 o'clock, and to-night his subject will be, "The Unpardonable Sin."

Richmond rarely falls to have one or more fires on Sunday in winter-time. Day before yesterday was not an exception to this general custom. There was a small blaze about 10 o'clock in the roof of the residence of J. M. Hall, No. 113 north Nineteenth street. The

fire had originated from sparks from the chimney, and the damage done amounted to only about \$75. to only about \$75.

A still alarm was sent in at 12:45 A. M. Sunday, caused by a fire in a store owned by Mr. Frank Kahl, and occupied by Charles King, at No. 803 north Sixth street. The department promptly responded, and in a short while the fire was extinguished. Fire-crackers were the cause. No damage was done to the building, but the stock was injured to the amount of about \$500.

A sub-committee from the Committee on Streets convened in the office of the City Engineer yesterday afternoon, and requested the Richmond Union Passenger-Railway Company to apply to some of its cars several of the patent fenders. The object of this is to ascertain the best appliance for the Richmond street-cars, and to then adopt such fenders for

The committees on Fire Department and Accounts and Printing held regular business sessions last evening. Nothing of interest to the public was done by either body.

The Committee on Schools failed to get a quorum last night.

December a negro named Lioyd Sales was arrested by Detretive Hall, and on him was found the watch stolen from Mr. Brown. He was tried and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

A few days ago a negro named Walter James was arrested as a suspicious character, and on being searched several pawn-tickets were found on him. Detective Hall made an investigation and found that one of the pawn-tickets called for the overcoat which was taken from Brown two years ago. An open-faced nickel watch, with a black guard, was also among the stolen property in the pawn-shop. The case will be called in the Police Court in a few days.

Several months ago a murder was committed in Norfolk county by a colored man named Rawlings, who succeeded in entirely escaping the officers.

Last week a man was seen in Petersburg who answered to the description of the supposed murders, but he again as

burg who answered to the description of the supposed murderer, but he again es-caped the police and left town with a white tramp. Yesterday morning a letter was received at Chief Howard's office from R. J. Orange, Constable at Farm-ville, Va., asking if a colored man named John Jones, who has been arrested there as a suspicious character, was wanted in Richmond. The description of the man answers to that of the negro Rawlings, who committed the murder, and Detecanswers to that of the hegro Rawlings, who committed the murder, and Detective Hall is now in communication with the Norfolk county authorities. He believes Jones is under an assumed name, and is the man who is wanted for the

The County Court of Henrico was in session but a short while yesterday. Joe Collier, the negro who was convicted of criminal assault a few days ago, was sentenced by Judge Wickham to four years in the penitentiary, after which th

court adjourned for the term.

The vicinity just north of Barton
Heights, in Henrico, was the scene of a
most interesting dog-fight Sunday afternoon. Both the dogs were owned by Richmond men, but it is understood that the amount that changed hands was small one of the fighters was weighed in at nineteen pounds, and the other at thirty. The fight lasted only a few minutes, as the smaller dog soon whipped the larger. This was in no wise unexpected by the spectators, as they were all acquainted with the fighting propensities of both the anima.

The Charter Amendments-Personal The Graded School.

EMPORIA, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—The death of Mr. A. L. Shepherd, of your city, causes deep regret here. Mr. Shepherd had at various times been identified with several business interests in this county, and was at the time of his

town charter does not abate, and I learn that counsel for and against the amend-ments will appear before the General As-sembly this week. Rev. E. C. Woodson, rector, occupied the

pulpit of Christ Episcopal church on yes-terday. Judge A. R. Hanckell, of the Corpora tion Court of Norfolk, and Mr. A. B. Hitchcock, of the same city, were here

summoned for the March term of the County Court, which convenes next Mon-day. There are a number of criminal

The ladies of the Episcopal church will give an entertainment here to-morrow night. Several persons from your city will take part, among them Misses Helen and Estelle Florsheim. Several westerners have been here look-ing after lands, and there have been a

The graded school, which has been

successfully conducted by Professor John Weymouth, assisted by Misses Ell Man-ning and Belle Cato, will have to close the last of next month for want of fur-

ther funds to run it.

It is thought that the patrons will endeavor by subscription to continue it two or three months longer.

MARCUS DAVIS'S CASE.

It Will Probably Be Tried To-Day-He Is Penitent at Last.

WELDON, N. C., February 24.-(Special )-Halifax Criminal Court was opened this morning, Judge Meares presiding. The case of Marcus R. Davis, the Richmond man, charged with bigamy, will probably be taken up to-morrow. Mrs. Davis came down to-day from Richmond as a witness, and was seen at the boarding-house by your corre-spondent. She said that had Davis shown the least penitence at first she would probably not have appeared against him, but he had not shown that he was sorry for the treatment she had re-ceived at his hands, until last Saturday. Then he had written her a very penitent

Then ne had selected.

The negro, Henry Dowden, who so blutally murdered Matt. M. Dodd, a Seaboard Air-Line engineer, at this place, Saturday, will be tried Wednesday. The grand jury this afternoon found a true but in his case.

CHARLES CITY COURT. A Long Trial Ended-Verdict of "Not

CHARLES CITY COURTHOUSE, February 24.—(Special.)—The County Court had up to Saturday night been in session since Thursday, engaged in the trial of Wilson Hornsby, charged with outrageous assault upon one Sophia Selden (both colored.

upon the trial. L. F. Nance, Commonwealth's Attorney, and P. St. George Will-cox represented the Commonwealth, and R. T. Lacy and William H. Beveridge the

Commonwealth at 5 o'c'ock Saturdey af-ternoon, and the jury, after being in ses-sion from seven to eight hours a day since Thursday, retired to their room, and, after an hour's consultation, re-turned with a verdict of not guilty.

Highland Property Sales. MONTEREY, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—Two important transfers of real estate have just taken place here, V. B.

estate have just taken place here, V. B. Bishop, a prominent merchant of Monterey, purchasing the very desirable town residence of S. Sullenberger, paying for it \$3.550, and Mr. Bullenberger occoming purchaser of what is known as the Benson farm, 3 miles south of town. This farm contains over 460 acres. The price paid was \$3,900.

Mr. Sullenberger has been a resident of Monterey for perhaps thirty-five years, and he will be greatly missed by the peeple of the town.

Death in Warrenton.

WARRENTON, VA., February 24.—
(Special.)—The terrible resper, Death, has been markedly at work in our community. On Sunday two more of our people passed away—Captain A. W. Utterback and Mrs. John C. McIlhaney. Mrs. McIlhaney was buried from the Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock this morning, and Captain Utterback from the Baptist church at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

ABINGDON, VA., February 24.—(Special.)—The dwelling-house of Mr. I. T. Cosby was burned last night about 10 o'clock. The exact origin of the fire is unknown, though it was doubtless accidental. Mr. Cosby's residence was one of the bandsomest in town. He estimates his loss at between \$5,000 and \$5,000. His insurance is \$3,500.

th of a Confederate Veteran MILLBORO', VA., February M.—(Special.)—James H. Stewart, aged 78, a Confederate veteran, died at his residence five miles from here, at noon to-day. Mr Stewart served through the whole was and lost at eye in the battle of the Wild erness. He leaves a wife and severa children THE OLD NORTH STATE

RALEIGH, N. C., February 24.-(Spenation, even if it were tendered him.

Major H. L. Grant (who wants to b Senate), in which Holton says Grant has sent out secretly a call for a meeting of the committee March 11th; and, third, the statements that Ed. Chambers Smith and R. B. Pubbs (Democrats),

Silver Democrats, like Major James W. Wilson, declare to-day that the Demo-cratic sliver convention will go for the free coinage of sliver by a vote of three fourths of its delegates, and that that percentage of members of the party stand on the State ticket and State platform, regardiless of what the national convention may do. In other words, convention may do. In other words, the old question of "States' rights" comes up in a new garb. The silver Demo-crats go on further and declare that any member of their party who votes the other way throws his influence for the

bad condition.

The report of the finding of a 56-pound lump of gold in Montgomery county appears to be quite well confirmed.

The Supreme Court this week takes up appeals from the Fourth District. Among to-day's arrivals here are W.

Murchison, Jonesboro'; F. A. Daniels meeting of the National Educational As-

over the whole or portion of two or more roads not under the same control, the maximum rates charged shall not be greater than the sums of the local rates on such freights, less 10 per cent. for the distance hauled over each road."

SCOTLAND NECK.

A Big Contribution Made to the Baptist Orphanage.

Boone, general manager of the Baptist Orphanage, at Thomasville, addressed the congregation in the Baptist church here

He preached for Pastor Vann last night.

New Berne's Fair.

NEW BERNE, N. C., February 25.—
(Special.)—The Fish, Game, and Oyster
Fair was opened to visitors to-day, with
an excellent exhibit. The display in all
departments is equal to any that has
been made heretofore. To-morrow will
be the formal opening, with a parade
and an address by Hon. J. S. Carr. On
Wednesday the Swiss Minister will arrive,
with a flag which is presented to New
Berne by Berne, Switzerland, and on
Thursday the presentation will be made,
with appropriate addresses.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., February 24.— (Special.)—Yesterday Winnie Jordan and Flatt Simmons, two small boys, were playing robbers with a pistoi they had possessed for two years, and which had possessed for two years, and which had not been loaded during that time. Young Jordan pointed the weapon at the little Simmons boy, when it exploded, the bul-let taking effect in the eye and pene-trating the brain. The wound will quite likely prove fatal.

GOVERNORSHIP.

He Says He Could Not Accept the Nomination-Other Political News. That Fifty-Pound Lump of Gold-

has been so prominently mentioned in connection with the Silver party's nomination for Governor, says he is not a candidate, and could not accept the nomi-The three things most talked about

Smith and R. B. Pubbs (Democrats),
J. J. Mott, and Senator Butler have been
arranging at Washington for the delivery of the vote of the silver Democrats,
and the putting of control in
Butler's hands. The current comment is
that Smith and Peebles only spoke as individuals, and not officially as representatives of the Democracy; having no
authority to speak for the latter; that
the Democratic party differs from the
Republican and Populist parties in having no "Steering Committee." It is
further said that even had such an
attempt at transfer of votes or influence
been made, Messrs, Smith and Peebles
cannot "deliver the goods."

THE SILVER CONVENTION. THE SILVER CONVENTION.

The sales of commercial fertilizer in the State this season are one fourth greater than they were last year at this date. This is official, from the Agricultural Department. The open winter and higher prices of cotton have caused early sales. Last year the sales of taxtags in March were phenomenally large—33,350.

The equipments of the Scotland Neck Mounted Riflemen, which troop was dis-banded last month, were received at the State Arsenal lo-day, in remarkably

meeting of the National Educational As-sociation, at Jacksonville, Fla., say Professor E. A. Alderman, of the Uni-versity of North Carolina, made a grand address on "The University and the State in the South." Dr. J. L. M. Cur-ry said it was the best presentation of the subject he had heard. Profes-sor Alderman also divided time one eve-ning with the president of Cornell Uni-versity.

Thus far forty countles have made full Thus far forty counties have made full settlements of taxes due the State.

The Railway Commission to-day took action on the complaints regarding express rates by issuing two circulars. The first is as follows: "The maximum charge per 100 pounds over one mile and not over twenty-five miles, on shipments of classified merchandise, and classes B, C, and D shall not exceed 30 cents."

This is a reduction of 10 cents. The second circular is as follows: "On all shipments of freight, originating and ter-

SCOTLAND NECK, N. C., February 4.-(Special.)-Yesterday Rev. J. B.

in the Interest of that institution. It is known in the Baptist denomination that the orphanage received its first impetus in the Baptist church here, and now, as Mr. Boone desires to enlarge the work, he comes here to give Scotland Neck people the opportunity to make the first contribution. Mr. Boone wishes to have a central building, which he thinks will nearly double the capacity of the institution, and add greatly to the facilities of its management. He desires to raise \$5,000. After he had made his statement he said that whatever individual or church contributed \$500 to the new building would have the privilege of a memorial slab at the orphanage. It was enthusiastically voted by the church that \$500 be raised, and that the memorial be made in honor of Rev. J. D. Hufham, D. D., who was pastor of the Scotland Neck church when the orphanage was founded, and who made the first personal fight for its establishment. The contribution amounted in cash and good reledens to \$577. contribution amounted in cash and good

contribution amounted in cash and good pledges to \$37. Mr. Boone said that the orphanage was in good condition, and there has not been a case of sickness there this win-ter.

New Berne's Fair.

Shot His Little Playmate.

Case of Mrs. Maybrick.

Julian Ralph cables to the Philadelphis Press as follows: "Friends of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, who have been working unremittintgly for her release, are plucking up courage, and industriously spreading a report that their efforts are about to be crowned with success. So far as can gather, they hase their hopes of the fact that Sir Matthew White Ridley though refusing point-blank to receive public deputation, consented some feweres ago privately to hear such arguments as bar lawyer and personal friend could offer in her behalf. Up to the present time no reply has been received from the Ronorable Secretary, and, though, o course. It is quite possible that

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. TO-DAY

AT 2:30 P. M. A Special Matine

yesterday's Charlotte Observer, in which it is said the paper does not intend to support any nfan who does not support the candidates of the national Democratic party; second, the sharp letter of Republican-State-Chairman Holton to Major H. L. Grant, (who were the second to the sec

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might recommend her Majesty immedi-ately to pardon the unfortunate woman, such information as is in my possession leads me to believe it is highly improba-

ble.
"Two of Ridley' predecessors, who
were trained lawyers, have remained deaf
to successive appeals of this nature and
it is not likely, unless the case be
brought before Parliament, that the presbrought before Parliament, that the present Home Secretary, who is no great lawyer, will care to reverse the decisions on his own acc unt. At the same time, as I have said, her friends profess to be in possession of knowledge which leads them to aver, as one of the most actively interested said to me to-night, that before next Synday Mrs. Maybrick will be board a steamer bound for New York."

"JULIAN RALPH."

AMONG THE POETS.

An Amusing Incident in the Life of The following appears in the Baltimore

Messrs. Editors: In your paper of this morning, under the head of "New Publications," is a notice of "The Poems of James Barron Hope." While reading it there came back to my mind an incident in the life of my friend Hope that is worth telling, and that, I believe, will interest many of your readers. The late John R. Thompson, of Richmond, Va., was the editor and proprietor of the Southern Literary Messenger, in which Hope's poems usually first saw the light. The intercourse between those two friends was of the closest and most intimate character. Thompson had been in Europe for several months. It must have been about the year 1855 or 1856. Just before returning home he spent several weeks in Paris. The younger Bulwer, who afterward succeeded to his father's title as the second Lord Lytton, and who served later as Governor-General of India, was then secretary of legation to his uncle, Sir Henry Bulwer Lytton, at the Court of Louis Napoleon, and was yet known to the literary world only as there came back to my mind an incident yet known to the literary world only as

Thompson and Bulwer dined together at the Trois Freres, where in those days "everybody" dined. Thompson was the guest. After dinner the host took from "everybody" dined. Thompson was the guest. After dinner the host took from his pocket the manuscript of that singularly touching poem. The Wife's Trage Doctor's summer residence. The coachman was captured and turned over to dinner he had sent the manuscript to his father, in London, for his criticism. In reply, he said, Lord Lytton had advised him to add a third part, which should contain a sequel in the form which should contain a sequel in the form of a just retribution for the crime of the wife. He insisted that not only a healthy interest in the woman, but also the requirements of good morals, demanded such a turn to the tragedy. Acting upon that advice, he said, he had written part third, had sent it to his father, and that just before coming to dinner he had received a reply, with the manuscript returned and approve it and, manuscript returned and approve it and, as the police at the Twenty-ninth District Station-House, and he is now in the Philadelphia Hospital. When Mrs. Stubbs and her daughter written with the said of the said of the manuscript returned and sent it to his father, in London, for his criticism. In reply, he said, Lord Lytton had advised him to add a third part, which should contain a sequel in the form of a just retribution for the crime of the manuscript of the police at the Twenty-ninth District Station-House, and he is now in the Philadelphia Hospital. When Mrs. Stubbs and her daughter written was noticed in his manner until they were some distance from the station. Sayles then began to talk incoherently, and shouted at the team. waving his arms frantically. He talked about his future.

The team, becoming frightened by the noise made by the coachman, started to run away, but Mrs. Stubbs pluckily grasped the reins, and prevented as serious derived as the Twenty-ninth District Station-House, and turned over the police at the Twenty-ninth District Station-House, and turned over the police at the Twenty-ninth District Station-House, and turned over the police at the Twenty-ninth District manuscript returned and approved; and, thereupon, in the confidential intercourse of two literary men, he read the poem to his American confrere. Charmed, both with the confidence and the story, Mr. Thompson at once begged for the manu-

with the confidence and the story, Mr. Thompson at once begged for the manuscript. The request was gracefully granted, and he brought the autograph-copy with him to this country.

As soon as he reached home one of his first thoughts was to let his friend Hope see the poem; and, at the same time, to play a prank upon him. He made a copy of it in his own handwriting—nobody who has ever sees that exquisite chirography can ever forget it—it was simply a luxury to read it—inclosed it to Hope, with one or two adroit traps to try and lead him to accept the poem as Thompson's own work, and the question was asked, Who is the author of "The Wife's Tragedy?" The poem, when it reached Hope, had never been published; it never saw daylight in this country until several months after, and the only copy on this side of the water was in Thompson's hands, and yet by return mail there came a letter from Hope—which I remember very well to have seen—somewhat after this fashion:

"No, you don't; you don't catch me in

which I remember very well to have seen-somewhat after this fashion:
"No, you don't; you don't eatch me in your trap. You never wrote The Wife's Tragedy," and the only man now living who could have written it is Owen Meredith."
Nothing ever gave Thompson greater pleasure than to tell that story.
Faithfully, WILLIAM MUNFORD.
The Rectory, St. Stephen's Church, Millersville Post-Office, Anne Arundel County, Md., February 17, 1896.

SKELETONS TELL A TALE.

Deserters During the War Imprisoned in a Colliery. A telegram, which halls from Colliers,

W. Va., and is dated February 24th, says: A recent find here, it is claimed, clears up a mystery of thirty-two years' standing-the remains of four human beings having been discovered in an abandoned coal mine, a mile east of here. David Smyder has explored the old mine, which has not been worked since mine, which has not been worked since the sixties, and discovered human bones One of the skeletons was sitting upright against a ledge. Beside this skeleton was found a flash containing a note that explained the mysterious disappearance of John Ewing, Ben Ayres, Tom Ackelson, and Joe Obney, thirty-two years ago. The notes were written in pencil but well preserved. They read as follows:

November 2, 1861

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November 2, 1863.

Should this ever reach the outside world, let it be known that we (giving names) are prisoners here, owing to the caving in of the mine. We are deserters, and were in hiding here when the mine caved in. Food and water all gone. We are doomed, as no one outside is aware of our whereabouts. This is about the eighth day of imprisonment.

November 4th.

John Ewing and Tom Ackelson have just killed Ben Ayers and are eating him. I have already eaten my boot leg The weather in the mine is terrible. Our oil is getting scarce, air becoming foul. I only know the day of the month by my watch.

or one week only.
All doctors admitted free to-day.

ENTERTAINMENT.

THERE WILL BE AN ENTERTAIN.
MENT at the Young Men's Christian
Association Hall for the benefit of a
destitute family THURSDAY EVENING.
February I'th. Selections will be rendered by some of Richmond's well-known
singers. Two one-act pieces, entitled 'A
Handsomer Man Than I' and "Uncle
Jerry's Golden Wedding," will be given,
Admission: Adults, Sc.; children, Mc.
Doors opened promptly at 7:30 o'clock,
Tickets can be had at E. B. Taylor's and
Morris's confectionary, on Broad street.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC. ONE GRAND PIANO RECITAL

under auspices Woman's College,
Tickets now on sale at Ramos's Music
Store, 119 east Broad street, and Woman's
College, north Tenth street. Regular prices
Academy box-office open for reserved
seats Monday, February 24th. fe 19-7t that if ever found, our sad fate will be

(Signed) (Signed) JUNEPH OBNEY.
Several of the old residents hereabouts
remember these men. It was generally
believed that they had been killed in
battle. As no relatives of the deceased
men could be found their remains were given in charge of Andy Lister for in

THE COACHMAN INSANE.

Two Philadelphia Ladies Have a Thrilling Experience. (Philadelphia Press.) Dashing along the road, with the reins of the team in the hands of an insane oachman, was a thrilling experience of Mrs. George E. Stubbs and her daughter.

Ethel, of 1501 north Seventeenth street

Saturday afternoon. The coachman, Robert Savies (colored) The coachman, Robert Sayles (colored), aged 20 years, was employed by Dr. George E. Stubbs, and on Saturday he met Mrs. Stubbs and Miss Stubbs at the Pennsylvania Railroad station, at Merion, intending to drive them to the Doctor's summer residence. The coachman was captured and turned over to the police at the Twenty-ninth District

ed the reins, and prevented a serious ac Sayles was finally captured, and was confined in the barn on the property of Dr. Stubbs. He raved around for a while and then finally grew caim. He was kep a prisoner, however, until Sunday, whet he was taken to the Twenty-ninth Dis-trict Station-House. Mrs. Stubbs was nearly prostrated by

her experience, but she has thorought

POSSIBLE DOUBLE SUICIDE.

A. Ladenburg, Banker, and Wife,

Missing from Their Steamer.

The Ward-Line steamship Niagara, from southside Cuban ports, via Nassau. Sunday after a very stormy passage. On the 20th instant, as the vessel was steaming along the Florida coast, A. Ladenburg and his wife, saloon passengers, were missing. A thorough search of the ship was made, but no trace of them could be found, and they are supposed could be found, and they are supposed to have either fallen or jumped ever-board. Their stateroom was examined, but board. Their stateroom was examined, but all the effects were found intact, including his gold watch and chain, which were found under the pillow of his berta. Mr. Ladenburg, previous to his deappearance, was apparently in good health, and the best of spirits, and was a favorite with his fellow-passengers. He was if years of age, and a banker by profession, having been connected with the large

having been connected with the lar banking-house of Ladenburg, Thalman Co., of New York.

THE COMET MISSED US. It Has Already Passed About 20,000,-000 Miles Away. A New Haven dispatch of Sunday says Dr. Eikin, of the Yale Observatory, said this evening that the only news that has been received at Yale regarding the Per-

rine comet is that received from the Lick Observatory, in California. According to these calculations, Dr. Eikin said there is no chance of the comet striking the earth. earth.
"I should guess from the calculations."
Dr. Elkins said, "that the nearest the comet will come to us will be from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 miles. It has already passed that point, I should judge, from

the California calculations. We have not made any calculations here." Not in the Boxing Basiness.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Kindly allow me to answer Mr. John Ward through your valuable paper, regarding the article published in Friday's issue of the Dispatch, in which he was quoted as saying that some reflections have been cast upon his ability as a boxer. I desire to say that if any such reflections have been cast they have not come from me, as I have the greatest respect for him as a boxer and a man. I am not in the boxing business under any circumstances, and if I was I would certainly not think of competing with any man in a class at least thirty pounds better in weight than I am.

Very respectfully, J. J. RAFFERTY. To the Editor of the Dispatch:

Wadiesale Liquor-Dealers Fait.

FORT WAYNE, IND., February 24faik & Lamley, wholesale liquor-dealers
losed their doors this morning. The failiro is attributed to hard times
ind the Nicholson law. The firm
laims to have \$12,000 in assets, consisting
of salcon-property, that has been refused
icause under the local-option clause of
the Nicholson law.